THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No formal proposal from the Government of Orissa has been received, for declaring Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary as a project tiger reserve.

(b) Does not arise.

Environment Day

1915. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad has come forward to host the Environment Day celebrations in June, 2004;

(b) whether Government have informed this to the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Forest Clearance for lower Subansiri Dam Project

1916. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that final forest clearance for lower Subansiri Dam Project is yet to be granted to NHPC despite all requisite formalities are completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that diversion of 245 ha. of quarry area recommended by Government of Assam is yet to be cleared to NHPC to resume commissioning of the said project;

(c) if so, by when it will be cleared;

(d) whether construction of a park at Dam site is logical than the provision of flood protection measure downstream; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?